



St. Mary's County  
Department of Land Use and Growth Management  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

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## **FAQ #9: What Construction Codes are in effect?**

International Residential Code 2018 (IRC 2018) effective March 10, 2020

International Building Code 2018 (IBC 2018) effective March 10, 2020

International Energy Conservation Code 2018 (IECC 2018) effective March 10, 2020

International Existing Building Code 2015 (IEBC 2015) effective March 10, 2020

National Electrical Code 2020 (NEC 2020) effective April 1, 2020

Maryland State Plumbing Code (2018 International Plumbing Code, 2018 International Fuel Gas Code and the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, NFPA 58, 2017 Edition)

Maryland State HVACR Code (2018 International Mechanical Code)

Maryland State Fire Code (2018 NFPA 1 and 101)

Maryland Accessibility Code (09.12.53)

This information is provided as a service to the customers of the Department of Land Use and Growth Management. Our responses to questions are based on the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance as well as other agency guidelines which are subject to revision from time to time. The information is intended to be a general guide for typical projects but may not apply in every case. References are provided should the applicant wish to obtain further information from the appropriate ordinance. The following abbreviations will apply to the ordinance reference: CZO = Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance; SO = Subdivision Ordinance.